

Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A The method of claim 6 further comprising: operating a video entertainment system comprising:
generating profiles for plural users, said profiles being based, at least in part, on two video viewing habits;
presenting ~~to a first viewer~~ a listing of available programs that appeared favored by other viewers with profiles similar profilesto the user's viewing habits;
wherein the system can suggest to a viewer other programs based on similar viewers' preferences.
2. (canceled)
3. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~26~~ including:
monitoring the user's viewing habits to determine a ranking of viewed broadcast video programs by viewing frequency; and
copying to the store plural programs that are not viewed by the user when broadcast, in accordance with said ranking.
4. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~213~~ including:
defining plural viewing channels;
on certain of said channels, presenting television programs for viewing;
on at least one of said channels, presenting ~~said~~ copied video program for viewing
wherein a presented copied video program is a determined favorite program from the first user's favorite entertainment copied automatically when the first user was not watching the determined favorite program.
5. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~42~~ which includes listing the copied video program in an electronic program guide associated with the system, together with a viewing channel on which the copied video can be viewed.

6. (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 4, further comprising:~~ A method of operating a video system, the system including a video input, a controller, and a store, the method comprising:

monitoring a user's viewing habits to determine a favorite broadcast video program; and
copying the video program to the store if the user is not viewing said program when
broadcast wherein the user need not plan in advance to record a favorite program, because the
favorite program is automatically recorded if it is not viewed by the user when broadcast;

defining plural viewing channels;

on certain of said channels, presenting television programs for viewing;

on at least one of said channels, presenting said copied video program for viewing;

maintaining the copied video program after viewing.

7. (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 4,~~ A method of operating a video system, the system including a video input, a controller, and a store, the method comprising:

monitoring a user's viewing habits to determine a favorite broadcast video program; and
copying the video program to the store if the user is not viewing said program when
broadcast wherein the user need not plan in advance to record a favorite program, because the
favorite program is automatically recorded if it is not viewed by the user when broadcast;

defining plural viewing channels;

on certain of said channels, presenting television programs for viewing;

on at least one of said channels, presenting said copied video program for viewing;

wherein as space is needed, said copied video programs are overwritten in the following priority, first overwrite viewed copied video programs, then overwrite non-viewed copied video programs.

8. (canceled)

9. (canceled)

10. (canceled)

11. (canceled)

12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 12~~ A method of operating a computer implemented interactive entertainment system comprising:
logging entertainment selections of plural users;
generating affinity groupings based on similarities in the entertainment selections logged;
polling a first user on a user interface to determine the first user's favorite entertainment;
determining an affinity grouping similar to the first user's favorite entertainment; and
presenting the first user a listing of available programs favored by members of the determined affinity grouping;

wherein upon returning to an interactive entertainment channel, the system automatically cycles through plural selections in the determined affinity grouping.

14. (new) A computer readable medium including executable instructions that cause a digital processor to perform a method, the executable instructions comprising:
instructions for monitoring a user's viewing habits to determine a favorite video program;
instructions for copying the favorite video program to memory if the user is not viewing said program when broadcast wherein the user need not plan in advance to record a favorite program, because the favorite program is automatically recorded if it is not viewed by the user when broadcast;
instructions for defining plural viewing channels;
instructions for overwriting copied video programs in a following priority, first overwrite viewed copied video programs, then overwrite non-viewed copied video programs.

15. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 14, further including executable instructions comprising instructions for listing the automatically copied favorite video program in a favorites channel in an electronic programming guide.

16. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 15, further including executable instructions comprising instructions for listing the automatically copied favorite video program in the favorites channel by title and length.

17. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 15, further including executable instructions comprising instructions for automatically playing the copied favorite video program when the favorites channel is selected.

18. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 14, further including executable instructions comprising instructions for listing plural copied video programs from which the copied favorite video program can be selected for play back.

19. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 14, further including executable instructions permitting a viewer to take a break from broadcast programming comprising:
instructions for receiving a delay program selection; and
instructions for routing broadcast programming to memory upon receiving the delay program selection.